

Having been a amateur radio operator for almost 30 years, I believe that this BPL issue is looking at a potential disaster.

The power companies here in the Florida Keys have already a terrible interference level to commerical and amateur frequencies. The local emergency services repeaters are desensed by this arcing of all the insulators on the power line.

Some places are so bad, it completely wipes out hearing a 2meter repeater that is only about 12 miles away.

Now you want to let them put other signals that use the biggest long line antenna in use in the US and expect no problems?

I would think that other experiments using this tech which have been pulled, should be looked at. I don't think that the power companies are capable of handling this

kind of infrastructure. They can hardly keep up with what they have now. Most of the lines around here are not in the best of shape. How are they going to keep the signal on the line and not radiate all over the area?

If the only reason for this is to get broadband access to the Internet to the masses,

it needs to be rethought. I'm not sure that this is the real reason for this push anyway.

I'm not an engineer nor do I carry any titles. I have been a deputy sheriff for 32 years and use radios everyday. I do know interference when it happens. And the cause of all our problems here in the Keys is due to power line interference. Please

don't add to it. I need my radio to stay alive and need ham radio right after the hurricane that hits here.

Thanks for your time

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